

## **WHEN YOU NEED AN INTERPRETER IN FAMILY COURT OR FAMILY MEDIATION, WHO SHOULD YOU BRING?**

It is recommended that the following guidelines be followed:

Those people who may serve as Interpreters in Family Court or in Family Mediation are:

- 1) A hired professional Interpreter.
- 2) A hired paraprofessional Interpreter.
- 3) Neutral third parties.
- 4) Clergy persons.
- 5) Friends who would be acceptable to both Parents.
- 6) Relatives who would be acceptable to both Parents.

Those people who should not serve as Interpreters in Family Court or in Family Mediation:

- 1) Minor children (There is a law which does not allow for minors to be interpreters in Court proceedings.)
- 2) New girlfriends, new boyfriends, new spouses.
- 3) Any person who is a party to the dispute.
- 4) Any friends or relatives who would be unacceptable to the other Parent.

Please inform any Interpreter who will be accompanying you to Family Court or Family Mediation that all information learned in the course of Court proceedings should be treated confidentially.